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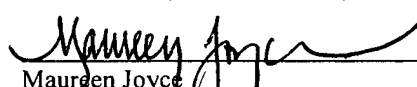
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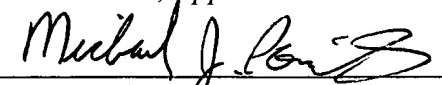
Sir:  
Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to Office Action
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated May 1, 2003, the Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-37 and 45, with traverse. The traversal was made on the grounds that it is believed that a single search and examination covering all claims would not place undue burden on the Examiner.

A first and favorable action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicant's representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 573-7851.

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